

Honey

Arizona's 2001 honey production was estimated at 2.5 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2000. Average yield from the 43,000 honey producing colonies was 59 pounds, the same amount as last year.

Prices for the 2001 honey crop averaged 78 cents per pound, up 5 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$2.0 million, an increase of 15 percent from 2000.

Estimates of honey production and colonies represent operations where honey is taken from colonies for sale or human consumption. Honey produced by beekeepers with fewer than five colonies is not included. Packaged bees and bees for pollination are included only if some honey was removed for human consumption.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, and Value 1/

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	52	32	42	55	52	40	43
Yield per colony (Lbs)	79	60	80	60	62	59	59
Production (1,000 Lbs)	4,108	1,920	3,360	3,300	3,224	2,360	2,537
Average price per pound (Cents)	65	85	72	64	62	73	78
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	2,670	1,632	2,419	2,112	1,999	1,723	1,979

1/ December 1 previous year through November 30.

**Arizona Honey Production & Price
1995-2001**

